



South Dakota Bankers Foundation Scholarship awarded on behalf of Plains Commerce Bank

# 2026 Scholarship Application

## ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicant must be a South Dakota resident.
- Applicant must be a South Dakota college sophomore, junior, senior, grad student **or** a second-year South Dakota technical school student seeking employment in banking/financial services.
- Applicants from South Dakota colleges must be entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year **or** graduate school during the 2026-2027 school year.
- Applicants from South Dakota technical schools must be entering their second year during the 2026-2027 school year.

## GENERAL INFORMATION (Please print or type.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address (including city, state, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Mailing Address (including city, state, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION (Your college transcript is required.)

Name of Post-Secondary Institution Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

List major(s) and minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Total hours to be completed by the end of spring semester **2026**: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of previous colleges attended: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Hrs. & GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Hrs. & GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Hrs. & GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXTRA CURRICULAR, COLLEGE ACTIVITIES AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS

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## HONORS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Honorary Organizations:

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**Awards:**

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**Scholarships:**

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**CAREER INFORMATION**

Describe your career goals and outline your course of study to attain these goals, including your intent to pursue a career in banking or finance. Highlight any banking/finance work experience, internships, etc. (Attach a one-page monologue.)

**LEADERSHIP**

Describe how you have guided, inspired or directed others in your personal, community or academic life. Continuing leadership, not just a brief, one-time-only experience, is best. (Attach an explanation.)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Describe your participation in up to three (3) unpaid volunteer activities, giving specific examples of the type of activity. Include for whom the community service was done (example: specific individuals, groups, non-profit organizations, agencies, school or the community at-large). Simply attending regular meetings does NOT qualify. (Attach an explanation.)

**OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**

List any other qualifications which make you stand out for this scholarship. Include special skills and/or challenges that required courage, self-reliance and determination. These challenges may be economic, emotional, physical or geographic. Describe the situation and how you overcame it. (Attach an explanation.)

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (Two letters are required.)**

Two letters of recommendation need to be submitted with your application. The "Letter of Recommendation" form is available on the last page of this application and can be duplicated as needed. This form must be returned by **June 19th, 2026**.

**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE**

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Include your college transcript and two letters of recommendation with your application. The application will be disqualified without these items. If you cannot send the letters of recommendation or transcript with this application, please follow-up to make sure your references and college have mailed the items by **June 19th, 2026**.

Mail or email your application by **June 19, 2026** to:  
**Teresa Jackson, SVP Marketing Officer**  
5101 S Broadband Ln  
Sioux Falls, SD 57108  
tjackson@windsormortgage.com



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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Applicant's Name (Last, First, Middle): \_\_\_\_\_

*Through the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students are allowed full access to their permanent record file. Students also may waive their rights to review letters of recommendation or evaluation. If you wish to waive your right to access to this letter, please sign below. This action is completely optional.*

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To the individual completing this form:**

Please answer the questions below in as specific and candid a manner as possible. Your comments will be an important factor in the selection decision. We realize this requires time and effort on your part and we appreciate your assistance.

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Plains Commerce Bank, 5101 S Broadband Ln  
Sioux Falls, SD 57108  
tjackson@windsormortgage.com

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. Career Information: Describe the applicant's career goals, including their intent to pursue a career in banking or finance. Highlight any banking/finance work experience, internships, etc.
3. Leadership: Describe how the applicant has guided, inspired or directed others in their personal, community or academic life. Continuing leadership, not just a brief, one-time-only experience is best.
4. Community Service: Describe the applicant's participation in up to 3 unpaid volunteer activities, giving specific examples of the type of activity. Include for whom the community service was done (example: specific individuals, groups, non-profit organizations, agencies, school or the community at large). Simply attending regular meetings does NOT qualify.
5. Other Qualifications: Describe other qualifications which make the applicant a good choice for these scholarships. Include any special skills and/or challenges that required courage, self-reliance and determination. These challenges may be economic, emotional, physical or geographic. Describe the situation and how the applicant overcame it.
6. Please provide any further comments you feel would aid in evaluation of the applicant.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Applications will be disqualified without letters of recommendation. Please return this form with your letters by June 19th, 2026.  
Thank you!